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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: ARGENTINE NAVY INQUIRES ABOUT STATUS OF BILATERAL  
MILITARY AGREEMENT AND NAVAL MISSION

REF: 77 BA 7108 (NOTAL)

1. ON MARCH 15 CHIEF OF THE NAVY SECTION, USMILGP  
ARGENTINA, RECEIVED A CONFIDENTIAL LETTER FROM RADM CASAS,  
CHIEF OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE, ARGENTINE NAVY. THE  
TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE REQUEST A REPORT ON THE DECISIONS MADE BY THE USA  
ABOUT THE EXISTING BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE  
ARGENTINE NAVY AND ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THE US NAVY  
ADVISORY GROUP WILL BE MAINTAINED. END QUOTE

2. AN INQUIRY OF THIS NATURE HAS BEEN EXPECTED FOR  
SOME TIME. THE INITIAL DEVELOPMENTS MOTIVATING  
SUCH A REQUEST WERE THE REDUCTION OF THE  
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SIZE OF THE MILGRP IN ARGENTINA TOGETHER WITH ELIMINATION  
OF FMS CREDITS. WE NOW SUSPECT THAT THE  
DELAY IN RESPONDING TO THE ARGENTINE REQUEST TO PURCHASE  
TRAINING IS ALSO GENERATING CONCERN WITHIN THE NAVY ABOUT  
USG INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE MILGRP.

3. BY REFTTEL POST REQUESTED THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE

ON DEALING WITH THE OUTSTANDING BILATERAL MILITARY  
AGREEMENTS AND WHETHER NOTICE OF TERMINATION SHOULD  
BE GIVEN. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT UNDER CURRENT  
LEGISLATION THE MILGRP IS NOT LEGALLY AUTHORIZED  
TO PERFORM SOME OF THE FUNCTIONS SPECIFIED IN THE  
MILITARY BILATERALS. THE DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS  
ARE URGENTLY REQUESTED.  
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